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KING'S LYNN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.  
REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1925.

King's Lynn  
 June 1926



To Chairman & Members,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my sixth Annual Report upon the Public Health and Sanitation of the Rural District for the year 1925.

The above area has approximately an area of 1550 acres situated part on the East side of the River adjoining the Borough of King's Lynn and part on the West side of the River Ouse.

The population of the District is 899 and number of Inhabited Houses, 230.

The Rateable value of the District is £5831.12.0. and a 1d. rate would produce £17.

I have again the pleasure of reporting that the health of the District throughout the year has been fairly good.

|         |               | <u>Total.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Rate per 1000.</u> |
|---------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Births. | Legitimate.   | 9.            | 5.           | 4.             | 10.1.                 |
|         | Illegitimate. | Nil.          | -            | -              |                       |
| Deaths. |               | 9.            | 4.           | 5.             | 10.1.                 |

Tabular Cause of Deaths.

|                         | <u>Males.</u> | <u>Females.</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Pneumonia.              | -             | 1.              |
| Cancer.                 | 1.            | 0.              |
| Arterio Sclerosis.      | 1.            | 1.              |
| Other Defined Diseases. | 2.            | 3.              |
|                         | <u>4.</u>     | <u>5.</u>       |

Deaths of Infants under 1 year, one.

There has been no deaths of women in consequence of Child Birth.

Notifiable Infectious Disease.

There have been this year four cases of Diphtheria on the East side of the River originating from Borough Schools, but by prompt isolation and use of Serum and fumigation there was no further spread of the disease.

There was one case of Scarlet Fever on the West side of the River, the origin of which could not be traced.

Tuberculosis.

The Council has no scheme. The District is well served by the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. The District contributes to the Hospital Contributory Scheme.



There are at present no notified cases of Tuberculosis in the District.

#### Ambulance Facilities.

The Red Cross Ambulance stationed in King's Lynn is made use of for moving of Hospital cases.

#### Maternity and Child Welfare.

The District being a small one participates in Maternity and Child Welfare Centre operating in King's Lynn.

#### Water Supply.

The Water supply on the East side of the Rural District is obtained from the King's Lynn Water mains. On the West side Rain Water is chiefly used for domestic purposes. Water for drinking is supplied by Rural District Council Water Cart and drawn from the King's Lynn Water Mains by arrangement.

There has also ~~for~~ some time been a Scheme on foot for supplying Water to the District on the West side of the River by direct Mains.

The Scheme is now being brought to completion and will be a great benefit to the District on the West side of the River when in operation.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

The portion of the District on East side of the River Ouse is connected up with the Borough of King's Lynn Drainage and Sewerage Schemes.

In the West District, dry earth closets are used and nearly every house has a separate one.

No. of Water Closets approximately. 70.

No. of Other Closets do 155.

These are frequently inspected and disinfectant used.

There has been some complaints as to condition of Main Drain through West Lynn. This has been regularly disinfected but is in very bad condition. This however has been under consideration and Plans for its renewal are being made.

#### Scavenging.

This service has been carried out by the Rural District Council's Contractor and the work has been carried out throughout the year in a satisfactory manner.

A complaint has been made by some of the people living on the East side of the River Ouse that the refuse dumps, of the King's Lynn Corporation have caused a nuisance. This was brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of King's Lynn on being notified of the condition.

Some of the Roads on the East side of the River are in a very unsatisfactory condition.

These are under consideration at the present time.



### Housing.

There have been no new houses erected during the year but the matter has been under consideration for some time and it is hoped soon to have a scheme in operation, a syndicate having recently purchased land in the district to erect Docks and Warehouses, will when the need arises build the necessary houses for their employees.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Number of Houses inspected for Housing Defects.                                                          | 134. |
| Number of Houses found to be injurious to Health and unfit for Habitation.                               | Nil. |
| Number of Defective Dwellinghouses made reasonably fit for Habitation in consequence of informal action. | 8.   |
| In consequence of Formal Notice.                                                                         | 2.   |
| Action under Statutory Powers.                                                                           | Nil. |

### Drains & Cowsheds.

These have been frequently inspected and disinfected and slight improvements which were suggested were carried out.

### Sanitary Inspector.

The Inspector has carried out his work well throughout the year and I enclose his report herewith.

In conclusion I desire to congratulate your Council upon their successful year and to thank all the members for the courteous manner in which you have received any suggestions I have brought up, and for your confidence in me.

I should also like to thank your sanitary inspector, Mr. Walker for his assistance.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) Thomas O. Nutton.

Medical Officer.



WEST LYNN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

for the Year 1925.

June 1926.

To Chairman & Members,

I beg leave to report that since my last Annual Report, I have visited and inspected 134 houses with the Yards Drains and Closets in the Parish, which I found as a whole fairly satisfactory.

I have had to complain to 8 Landlords of Property that required necessary repairs which in most instances have been carried out satisfactorily without notices being served.

In two instances I had to serve notices; one was on the Brewery Firm, as three drains at the Estuary Tavern were blocked. I wrote to the firm but without doing any good, so I served an Official Notice to have the same done within 7 days. I found that the next day the work was being done. Another case was Mr. W.E.M. Lack. I found a cottage in a very bad state of repair, and I reported the matter to him and he said he would go and have a look at it, but no further notice was taken. I then sent an official notice to have the repairs carried out within 14 days, but instead he got the tenants out and the cottage stood empty for sometime, but he at last had some of the worst of the repairs done and let it again.

I have also inspected different Cowsheds in the Parish, namely Messrs A. Grayston, J. Williamson, A. Ebbs and H. Wolfe. I found them all fairly clean but I ordered some lime-washing and tarring round the bottom of sheds where I considered necessary. I also inspected their Milk Storage and the Utensils used, which I found quite clean.

I received notices of three cases of Diphtheria, on the East side of the River which I visited and took necessary disinfectants and used some freely in the yards and sometime



afterwards I fumigated the houses.

I also received one case of Scarlet Fever on the West side. I let the parent have the necessary disinfectants and gave them an official form of precautions and what to do in such cases. I used the disinfectants freely in the yard and drain and closet and told them to send up to mine when they wanted more.

After receiving notice from the Medical Officer concerned that the case was free from infection, I fumigated the house, namely, Mr. W. Whittred.

I investigated three cases of nuisances reported to me and I had the same remedied to the satisfaction of all concerned.

I also have inspected 9 Public Conveniences in the Parish which I found in a fairly satisfactory condition. I put some disinfectant down all.

I also inspected the County School premises with the Closets and Utensils which I found in a satisfactory condition, and I found that disinfectants were fairly used on the premises. I found the Old Lows Drain in a very bad condition and wants cleaning out badly and I think a lot of it is ~~do~~ to the tenants of the houses whose back gardens run down to the Drain, throwing all the slops and soap suds down the bottom of the garden and so washes a lot of soil into the drain and that helps to make a stoppage.

I beg to say that I paid special attention to those persons delivering Milk in the Parish and told them to be very careful with their Milk when delivering it at the House where there was Scarlet Fever.

I also beg to say that I have supplied a large number of Inhabitants with disinfectants for use in Closets and Drains. I have also freely used disinfectants wherever I considered it necessary so to do.

I am Gentlemen,  
Yours faithfully,

(sgd) Robert Walker, Sanitary Inspector

